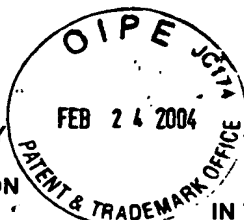


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RULE 63 (37 C.F.R. 1.63)
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the **INVENTION ENTITLED OPERATION PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM AND DEVICE THEREFOR**, the specification of which was filed on November 12, 2003 as U.S. Application No. 10/705,244.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. Except as noted below, I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one other country than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International Application, filed by me or my assignee disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed, or (2) if no priority claimed, before the filing date of this application:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Number	Country	Filed	Date First Laid Open Or Published	Date Patented or Granted	Priority Claimed
2002-326650	JAPAN	November 11, 2002			Yes

Except as noted below, I hereby claim domestic priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or 120 and/or 365(c) of the indicated United States applications listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below and, if this is a continuation-in-part (CIP) application, insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application is in addition to that disclosed in such prior applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of each such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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Application Number	Filed	Status pending, abandoned, patented	Priority Claimed

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And I hereby appoint Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, Intellectual Property Group, (to whom all communications are to be directed), and persons of that firm who are associated with USPTO Customer No. 00909 individually and collectively my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent, and I hereby authorize them to delete from that Customer No. names of persons no longer with their firm, to add new persons of their Firm to that Customer No., and to act and rely on instructions from and communicate directly with the person/assignee/attorney/firm/ organization who/which first sends/sent this case to them and by whom/which I hereby declare that I have consented after full disclosure to be represented unless/until I instruct the above Firm and/or an attorney of that Firm in writing to the contrary.



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SMALL ENTITY DECLARATION
[37 CFR 1.9(c-f)]
(Universal form)

Each undersigned states that:

- (1) ☐ the application filed herewith entitled OPERATION PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM AND DEVICE THEREFOR
(2) ☐ U.S. Application No. 10/705,244 filed November 12, 2003
(3) ☐ U.S. Patent No. _____ issued _____

is entitled to the benefits of "small entity" status for paying reduced fees under 35 USC 41(a) and (b) to the Patent and Trademark Office by virtue of one of the following:

- (4) ☒ The undersigned states that he/she qualifies as an independent inventor, or would qualify had he/she made the invention, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c).
(5) ☐ The undersigned states that he/she is an official empowered to act on behalf of the small business concern identified below; that this concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(d).
(6) ☐ The undersigned states that he/she is an official empowered to act on behalf of the non-profit organization identified below; that this organization qualifies as a nonprofit organization of the following type:

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- (6a) ☐ UNIVERSITY OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ANY COUNTRY
(6b) ☐ TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE (26 USC 501(a) AND 501(c)(3))
(6c) ☐ NONPROFIT SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL UNDER STATUTE OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(NAME OF STATE _____)
(CITATION OF STATUTE _____)
(6d) ☐ WOULD QUALIFY AS TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE (26 USC 501(a) AND 501(c)(3)) IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(6e) ☐ WOULD QUALIFY AS NONPROFIT SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL UNDER STATUTE OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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(7) Each person, concern, or organization to which I/we have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, or am/are under an obligation, under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

(7a) ☐ no such person, concern, or organization beyond

(7b) ☒ persons, concerns or organizations listed below (MUST complete (7c))

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NOTE: A separate statement is required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to this invention stating its status as a "small entity".

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement of small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(B))

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